

# Washington State Patrol Media Release

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## **Washington State Patrol's Thermal Eye Van Inspecting Trucks in Spokane**

The Washington State Patrol's Commercial Vehicle Division's Thermal Eye Van will be in the Spokane area until April 20<sup>th</sup>. This vehicle is designed to use thermal imaging to look for brake and other mechanical problems on commercial motor vehicles. Thermal imaging tracks heat emissions from the vehicles brakes and other moving parts. The color on the screen will show either how cold or hot a certain part is. Other things that this vehicle can do is check vehicles for radiological cargo and while the vehicle is passing it can check vehicle registrations and for stolen vehicles.

This vehicle will be working at the Spokane Port of Entry at the State line and other locations throughout the area.

**\*\*Note: Please contact me if you would like to schedule a time to see the thermal eye van in action**

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